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(S//NF) 1. THE LULL IN FIGHTING BETWEEN ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA (AFL) AND NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF LIBERIA (NPFL) FORCES ENDED ON THE AFTERNOON OF 19 JULY. A PICKUP TRUCK CONTAINING FOUR AFL SOLDIERS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOR WAS AMBUSHED ON THE CALDWELL (06-23N, 10-46W) ROAD ABOUT ONE MILE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH UNITED NATIONS DRIVE. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES. REBELS MOVED THROUGH THE CALDWELL AREA AND FIRING WAS REPORTED COMING FROM THE AREA NEAR THE LIBERIA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (LEC) GENERATOR IN NEW KRU TOWN (06-22N, 10-47W). AFL SOLDIERS WERE SEEN RETREATING FROM THE CALDWELL AREA TOWARD MONROVIA. THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT ADDITIONAL AFL TROOPS WERE DISPATCHED FROM

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THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE MANSION GUARD (EMG) TO REINFORCE THE CALDWELL AREA. THE MILITARY CLOSED THE ROAD FROM THE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA (06-21N, 10-48W) TO BREWERVILLE (06-25N, 10-47W) YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) (b)(3)

(S//NF) 2. FIGHTING WAS OCCURRING ON BOTH SIDES OF MONROVIA BETWEEN AFL SOLDIERS AND NPFL FORCES ON THE MORNING OF 20 JULY. HEAVY EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD FROM THE DIRECTION OF CAMP SCHEIFFLIN (06-13N, 10-35W), PAYNESVILLE (06-17N, 10-41W), AND THE FREEPORT OF MONROVIA THIS MORNING. TWENTY-FOUR AFL SOLDIERS WERE REPORTEDLY DISPATCHED TO REINFORCE THE POSITION SOUTH OF THE ST. PAUL RIVER BRIDGE (06-23N, 10-47W) ON THE MORNING OF 20 JULY. FIRING WAS HEARD IN THIS AREA AND APPROXIMATELY 20 REBELS, WEARING RED ARM BANDS, WERE OBSERVED CROSSING THE ST. PAUL RIVER BRIDGE AT 0923 HOURS. SMALL ARMS FIRE ALSO WAS HEARD IN THE AREA OF THE WATERLOO CHECKPOINT NEAR BREWERVILLE (06-25N, 10-47W) SHORTLY AFTER THE REBELS CROSSED THE BRIDGE. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

(S//NF) 3. THERE WERE REPORTS OF GUNFIRE IN THE SINKOR-CONGOTOWN AREA, DOWNTOWN MONROVIA, AND NEAR THE U.S. EMBASSY ON MAMBA POINT ON THE MORNING OF 20 JULY. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

(S//NF) 4. TENSION IS EXTREMELY HIGH IN MONROVIA. NERVOUS AFL SOLDIERS ESTABLISHED A TIGHT SECURITY CHECKPOINT AT JALLATOWN ROAD, THE NORMAL BY-PASS ROUTE AROUND PRESIDENT SAMUEL K. ((DOE))'S EXECUTIVE MANSION, ON THE MORNING OF 20 JULY. AFL SOLDIERS AT THE JALLATOWN ROAD CHECKPOINT REPORTEDLY STOPPED VEHICLES AND STATED THAT THE ROAD WAS CLOSED TO ALL U.S. VEHICLES; HOWEVER, AN OFFICER FROM THE EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE PASSED THROUGH THE AREA WITHOUT INCIDENT. FRIGHTENED CITIZENS DESERTED THE STREETS AND RETURNED TO THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOMES. SHOPS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA REMAINED CLOSED IN THE MORNING, AND IT IS UNLIKELY BUSINESSES WILL OPEN THIS AFTERNOON. [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3)

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